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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 11/07/2006

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the non-Final Office Action mailed on 11/07/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Specification** are shown page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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